

Response to Telephone Communication

Applicants representative, Monica Kolinsky, informed the Examiner on September 10, 2008 that the reference listed in the 9/27/2006 Non-Final Office Action and PTO-892 form was incorrect. For example, in the 9/27/2006 Office Action, the Examiner cited Kinzler et al. (US 5,720,903, 1997) as being the closest prior art. However, Applicants representative notified the Examiner that the US patent cited as being Kinzler et al. was incorrect and should be US Patent No. 5,702,903. In the instant case, the Examiner apologizes for the error and is submitting a new PTO-892 form with the correct citation of Kinzler.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BRANDON J. FETTEROLF whose telephone number is (571)272-2919. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Helms can be reached on 571-272-0832. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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